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Rev. J. H. Hill D. D.
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Febry 25th - 1857

Rev & Dear Sir;

We hope you will pardon the liberty we are taking in troubling you with a few questions in regard to a plan we have in mind - viz to pursue a course of classical studies at the University at Athens, & especially Greek, with a view of fitting ourselves for professors of that Language here in the West, where there is so great need of this kind of learning at the present time.

We are at present candidates for Holy orders in the diocese of Wisconsin, under Bp Kemper, at the Mission, on Washotah Lakes, a catalogue of which

we will send you - in our
Second year; & before we
take orders wish to complete
our classical education, we
have some knowledge of Greek
Latin & Hebrew & would wish to
pursue these, especially Greek
~~after~~ with a view to teaching
it here after having gone thro'
a regular classical course -

Now we would like to know -
if not of much trouble to
you, what the advantages are
at the University at Athens
& whether, we could in any way
assist you in order to defray
a portion of our expenses. We
would like to remain in Greece
some time & perhaps after getting
~~a slight~~ ^{some} knowledge of Modern
Greek could be of some
assistance to you. If this can
not be brought about, please

say what the probable cost of living would be there per annum & the requirements of ~~for~~ entering the University at Athens. Any information in regard to this will be most-thankfully read & reciprocated by whatever means within our power -

We have consulted several gentlemen of considerable experience in the teaching of languages, & they seem to think the most-expeditious, cheapest & thorough method of learning ancient Greek is through the Modern at Athens, & we therefore concluded to write you for information in regard to it. We have written to the American Consul asking him to give us whatever information he can in regard to the University &c. We of course would prefer

to hear through you, as you are
doubtless able to give us more
information than any one else

Hoping to receive an answer
as soon as possible we
remain, very respectfully,

Yours,
Rev. J. A. Hill D.D. } L. G. Jessup
Athens Greece } Thos. Smith

P.S. We send in company
with this letter a couple of
a-logues giving an account of
our doings here for the last
year - We would be happy
to receive an account of
your labors in Greece & the
progress of your mission - Please
direct to Delafield, Wau-
kesha Co, Wisconsin.

Yours &c
L. G. J.
T. S.